

## REBELLION GROWS AGAINST AUSTRIA

Twenty Thousand Men in Arms in Herzegovina.

### CONFLICTS WITH TROOPS

Each Rebel Armed with Five Bombs and Two Rifles.

Insurrection Had Its Beginning the First of the Year and Has Grown to Alarming Proportions—Band is Divided into Small Detachments and Scattered Over 3,500 Square Miles of the Province.

Belgrade, Jan. 9.—Twenty thousand men, divided into parties of twenty each and scattered over 3,500 square miles of the province of Herzegovina, are to-day engaged in a deadly warfare with the Austrian troops that have been sent into the country to subdue the insurrection.

The campaign started in an organized way the first of the year and is now rapidly assuming such proportions that further suppression of the clashes is becoming impossible. The Austrian government and the military authorities are sparing no effort to minimize the danger of the situation, but men who returned to-day from the scenes of conflict say that fights are occurring daily with heavy casualties.

The rebel bands consist largely of native Herzegovinians, with a heavy sprinkling, though without recognition from their own governments, of Servians, Montenegrins, Roumanians and a few Russians and Turks. Individually the engagements are small, but they are becoming more formidable every day.

### Five Bombs and Two Rifles.

The rebels began slipping away from their homes toward the end of 1908 and gathered at previously arranged places in the mountains. They are equipped each with five bombs and two rifles, the extra weapons being for the arming of the entire population, which the rebels hope will soon be engaged in the insurrection. The bombs are of a new pattern, about the size of an egg and fired by percussion. There are about 75,000 Austrian soldiers in the affected districts of Herzegovina and Bosnia.

### CIRCULAR WAS RECALLED.

Sporting Goods Firm Tried to Use President's Patronage.

New York, Jan. 9.—A little circular recently issued by a sporting goods firm which presented itself upon having supplied the President with certain jungle articles has been put in the Rooseveltian Index Expurgatorius.

The tale is that the President wrote to Abercrombie & Fitch, 51 Reade street, for a catalogue. "The correspondence," said Ezra H. Fitch, "had special reference to snake and insect bites, and resulted in our furnishing the President with some hypodermic remedies as well as a number of other things. We afterward sent out a circular to a few of our customers referring to the fact that we had been able to supply certain articles to the President. The President was offended when this came to his attention and we recalled the circular."

The contents of this circular, which was recalled with such ceremony that it is unobtainable, are a matter of some speculation. One item is restored by some remarks Mr. Fitch made touching the man-eating "tiger." This insect, which Stanley in his "In Darkest Africa," says "deposits its eggs under the toenails of the most active of men," is still working regularly. Its scientific name is *Sarcophaga Penetrans*, but Mr. Fitch calls it "H."

### WARM FIGHT IN MONTGOMERY.

Many Candidates Will Be in Race for County Offices.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Rockville, Md., Jan. 9.—The Democrats of this county are already discussing candidates for local offices at the next district primaries, although the campaign will not be formally opened until early in the spring. Nearly all the county officials are to be elected this year, and a Democratic nomination is usually regarded as equivalent to election, consequently there is always a scramble for these nominations.

Among the positions to be filled at the next election are the clerkship of the county court, for a term of six years; register of wills, for a term of six years; a State senator, for a term of four years; four members of the house of delegates, several county commissioners, and a sheriff.

John L. Brunet, the present county clerk, is a candidate for re-election, and he will have at least one opponent for the nomination of Thomas G. White, of Barnesville district. For the office of register of wills, H. Clinton Albright, the incumbent, will be opposed by Joseph H. Reading, of Rockville, and there may be other candidates.

Blair Lee, the present State senator, is understood to be a candidate for re-election, and it is said that Charles G. Griffith, of Beallsville, may oppose him for the nomination.

There will be any number of candidates for county commissioners, for the legislature, and for sheriff. Among the reported aspirants for the latter office are Everett Ricketts, C. Edward Vlett, James E. Gott, Leonidas Ricketts, Randolph Luhn, William Hemphreys, William H. Wheeler, Horton G. Thompson, and George Nicholson. It is certain that there will be additional aspirants by the time the campaign is fairly under way, as the nomination for sheriff is always keenly in demand.

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### AWAITING MISS ROOSEVELT.

Americans in London Expect to See Her Presented at Court.

London, Jan. 9.—King Edward's appearance at various shooting parties during the recent severe weather has quieted the ever prevalent rumors concerning his enfeebled condition.

Political gossip is busily commencing on two new Conservative candidates for Parliament, Lord Walworth and his brother-in-law, Capt. Spencer Clay. According to local reports the prospects of both for election are rosy.

The American set is looking forward to Miss Roosevelt's expected visit in the spring when, it is said, she will be presented at court. Another American girl, Yvonne Townsend, is also arranging for her presentation.

### JUDGE CONDEMNS GAMBLING.

Declares Bridge Whist Is Responsible for Its Spread Among Girls.

London, Jan. 9.—Commenting upon the disclosures as to gambling among girls made yesterday at the quarter sessions at Naas, Ireland, in the course of a slander case against a woman bookmaker, Judge Barry said that the vice of gambling had gone so far in many towns that women bookmakers did a large business with domestic servants, who thus frittered away their wages.

He blamed bridge for fostering the love of gambling in the upper classes, characterizing it as a "moral pest."

### CANAL VISITORS ARE PLEASED

Congress Delegation Returns from Isthmus of Panama.

They Went Favoring Sea Level Ditch, and Return Converted to the Lock Canal.

New York, Jan. 9.—If good health conditions continue and the money holds out, the Panama Canal will be completed within six or seven years. This is the opinion expressed by the Congressional delegation which arrived this afternoon from Panama aboard the steamer Advance.

Representative Victor Murdock, on landing, said: "The work is progressing with great strides. There were five in the party. Four of us went down 'sea level men' and the entire party came back 'lock canal men.' The engineers soon convinced us that a sea level canal would be impracticable. I believe the workmen achieve more than does a body of men working on a project in this country. The engineers are confident that no insurmountable problems will be encountered."

"We found the health at the zone exceptionally good. The people are all expectant over the coming visit of President-elect Taft and are arranging to give him a great reception."

"The canal police do admirable work and reflect credit on the Canal Zone administration."

The members of the party were Representative Victor Murdock, Kansas; Gilbert N. Haugen, Iowa; Asle J. Gronna, North Dakota; Charles A. Lindbergh, Minnesota, and C. A. Kennedy, Iowa.

### TO PROBE MOODY'S COMPLAINT

Charges of Cruelty on Fauquier County Chain Gang.

Alexandria County Prisoner Makes Complaint, and Authorities Will Investigate.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Rosslyn, Va., Jan. 9.—Commonwealth's Attorney Randall Mackey, of Alexandria County, declared to-day that he has received a letter from Superintendent Morgan, of the Virginia penitentiary, in which he announces he will make an investigation of the complaint of alleged cruelty, which was made to Mr. Mackey by James Moody, a white man, convicted in Alexandria County, and sent to the State road force in Fauquier County.

"I do not know whether the charges of cruelty made by Moody are true or not," said Mr. Mackey. "Moody made the complaint to me and I sent his statement to Superintendent Morgan for investigation. I do know that the foreman of the chain gang force, upon which Moody was working, is a fine man."

In regard to the complaint of Moody, which Mr. Mackey transmitted to Superintendent Morgan, the Alexandria County Monitor says:

Moody stated that his shoes were new and of good quality, were taken from him and given to a colored prisoner, and that he (Moody) was required to wear a pair of shoes four sizes too large, so that his feet became rubbed and sore.

He stated that shackles and chains were riveted to both his ankles, and he was required to work in that condition all day, and to sleep in shackles all night. Moody exhibited both ankles, showing how the shackles had bruised and skinned his legs, and the skin around both ankles was inflamed, and a sore had begun to grow on his right leg above the ankle, where the shackles had been riveted.

Moody said he was fed on State cornmeal and salt herring, and that on Christmas Day dinner was served at 2 o'clock, and nothing fed to the prisoners until breakfast the following day. He stated that the men were not properly covered at night, and that by means of a long chain, passed through the shackles of each prisoner, all the men were shackled together in a tent at night, and so slept until morning for breakfast.

Moody says he saw an overcoat taken from the prisoner to whom it belonged and given to another prisoner, while the owner of the overcoat suffered all day in the cold.

### FAVOR THE DEATH CHAIR.

North Carolina May Supplant Hanging with Electrocution.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 9.—Electrocution is likely to supplant hanging as the form of capital punishment in North Carolina. The lower house of the legislature to-day passed a bill changing the form of punishment from hanging to electrocution and designating the State penitentiary as the scene of all executions.

Murder, criminal assault, and burglary in dwellings after nightfall are capital crimes in this State. It is expected that the bill will pass the Senate Monday.

### Cold Spell at Hagerstown.

Hagerstown, Md., Jan. 9.—This county is experiencing one of the coldest spells of weather of the winter since the cold wave from the Northwest arrived yesterday. Thermometers register as low as 3 and 4 degrees, while small streams and ponds are icebound.

A Stay-at-home Dead in Virginia.

Warrenton, Va., Jan. 9.—Mrs. Susan M. King, of Wilmington, N. C., who is a direct descendant of Peter Stuyvesant, who was governor of New York when it was a Holland colony, died here to-night.

## BELMONT SARCASTIC

Makes Comments on President and His Record.

### HE QUOTES "MR. DOOLEY"

Speaks of the Outlook Articles and Declares They Have Been Influenced by Prospects of Publication of Stories in the Future Entitled "Alone in Africa."

London, Jan. 9.—Perry Belmont, when shown a copy of the Springfield Republican of a recent date containing the comments of former Secretary of the Navy John D. Long on Henry Reuter's article on the navy, said:

"I see Mr. Long, who was one of the best Secretaries of the Navy we have ever had, says in regard to Mr. Reuter's article: 'There could be no statement more reckless of truth or more calculated to impair confidence in the whole article than the following: In fact, he, Mr. Roosevelt, was the Navy Department.'"

"Perhaps the Outlook is preparing us for a naval history of the Spanish war by the veracious and syndicated author of the naval history of the war of 1812; but Mr. Long should have remembered the remark of Peter Finley Dunne ('Mr. Dooley'), a keen observer of contemporary politics, who suggested that the military history of the Spanish war might be condensed into three words: 'Alone in Cuba.' The fame of the political soldier whose slaughter of the Spanish soldiery was sung in the war columns of the metropolitan press need no more."

### Motive of Outlook.

"Does not Mr. Long, in a desire to be fair, go a little too far when he says: 'Mr. Roosevelt, during his brief term as Assistant Secretary of the Navy, was one of the most effective and active officers of the Navy Department, and the only one of them?' But the Outlook's view in respect to our naval history may be influenced by the prospect of publishing articles which could be entitled 'Alone in Africa,' though that title cannot be copyrighted, spokesman of many nationalities having penetrated the Dark Continent from all directions."

"Roosevelt," continued Mr. Belmont, "has made the interesting announcement that he is not a slaughterer of big game. He expects to study the fauna in the regions he is to visit."

"Can it be possible he is aiming at the lions of European capitals and their crowned or uncrowned rulers? It has already been arranged that he is to deliver a lecture at the Sorbonne, in Paris, at the International Sportsmen's Congress at Vienna, and at Oxford. Other appearances will be made in due time."

## WORDS CANNOT DESCRIBE IT

Correspondent Writes of Devastation by the Earthquake.

He Declares Even Photographs Are Inadequate, and Cites Will Never Be Rebuilt.

London, Jan. 9.—The London correspondent of the New York Sun has just returned from Sicily, and writes:

"I have just returned from Messina. Words alone or photographs alone can convey but a slight impression of the abomination of desolation amid which I clambered for several days. The two means of depiction combined make an utterly inadequate record of this supreme calamity. Such as it is, however, my attempt to tell something of the death and burial of that fair Sicilian town is now on the Atlantic, en route to New York."

"Pictures, unfortunately, cannot be transmitted by cable, so a week's delay is inevitable. Drastic measures have been undertaken to enforce the rapid evacuation of the evil spot. The conditions prevailing when I left on Wednesday compelled workers, troops, and refugees to go about with tufts of antiseptic cotton in their nostrils. The effect on the appearance of the people was weirdly ghastly."

"It was even worse at Reggio, where the covering debris upon the festering dead was not so deep owing to the smaller size of the buildings."

"No decision has yet been made as to how to deal with the pestiferous problem of the last few months. There was brave but foolish talk in the Italian Parliament yesterday about rebuilding Messina and Reggio. I think it is not feasible or thinkable for a long time to come."

"No exact summing up of the loss in life and treasure will ever be possible."

### NEW YORK GIVES \$500,000.

Contributions to Italian Sufferers Reaches that Sum in Manhattan.

New York, Jan. 9.—Contributions have come into the various relief funds in the past twelve days to the amount of about half a million in New York City. The receipts at the American Red Cross office to-day were \$7,616.24. The New York Cotton Exchange made a remittance of \$1,465 and the Newark Evening News added \$1,000 more.

The largest contribution on the Chamber of Commerce list of to-day were \$1,382.39 from the First Church of Christ Scientist in this city, and \$1,000 from William H. Moore. The chambers fund up to this evening was \$23,907.74. Of this, \$5,000 lyre has been sent to Ambassador Griscom.

Knauth, Nachod & Kuhne have cabled to the Red Cross in Rome \$10,610.63 received in subscriptions.

### To Improve Railroad Y. M. C. A.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Cumberland, Md., Jan. 9.—It has not yet been determined by the railroad officials whether the present Baltimore and Ohio Y. M. C. A. building here will be remodeled or a new structure erected. It is known, however, that some improvements will be made, as the present quarters, as large as they are, are entirely inadequate.

### Mrs. G. A. Luttrell Dead.

Hagerstown, Md., Jan. 9.—Mrs. G. A. Luttrell, wife of the pastor of the Methodist church of Williamsport, this county, died at her home in that place this morning, of toxemia, after an illness of ten days, aged twenty-seven years. She was a native of Winchester, Va., and formerly lived at Rawlings, Md., and Pawpaw, Va., where her husband was stationed. Mrs. Luttrell is survived by her husband and two small children.

## THREE SHIPS INJURED.

Vessels of Sperry's Fleet Must Be Docked for Repairs.

As a result of the heavy typhoons encountered between Australia, Manila, and Colombo, nearly all of the vessels of the Sperry fleet will have to be docked for repairs upon returning home.

Three, particularly, will need extensive overhauling and repairing—the Illinois, Kentucky, and Kearsarge—and upon reaching Hampton Roads they will be sent to the Philadelphia Navy Yard. It will require several months to put them in good condition.

The condition of all the ships, as observed in their passage through the Suez, has been reported to the Navy Department. Aside from these three, several others are considerably the worse for wear, and will go to navy yards for repairs.

As the repair work will require much more time than had been expected, it is possible the annual spring target practice will be delayed.

## SIGN TREATIES AT MIDNIGHT

Secretary Root Affixes Signature to Three Documents.

Agreements Reached Between America and Panama and Colombia.

Getting Ready for Senate.

Three treaties, forming an agreement between the United States, Panama, and Colombia, were signed about midnight at the residence of Secretary of State Root.

This unusual hour was selected because the work of engrossing the documents could not be completed earlier. Secretary Root thought it advisable to sign the treaties as soon as possible, so that he could devote the few remaining days of his stay in the State Department to other matters. He will resign them about the middle of this month, as soon as he is officially informed of his election to the United States Senate by the New York legislature.

Secretary Root has been working at forced draft for the last several weeks in order to clear as much of his work as possible before turning the department over to Robert Bacon, First Assistant Secretary of State, who will succeed him.

The treaties settle practically all pending diplomatic questions growing out of the relations between Colombia and Panama, and the Canal Zone. By the terms of the convention between Panama and Colombia, Panama agrees to assume part of the debt of Colombia, which in turn agrees to recognize the independence of, and to begin diplomatic relations with, Panama. The boundary question between the two republics has finally been adjusted. There is also a trade agreement between the two republics.

The convention between the United States and Colombia regulates the passage of Colombian ships through the Panama Canal, while engaged in coastwise traffic from one Colombian port to another.

Panama has agreed to assume \$2,500,000 of the public debt of Colombia. This amount will be paid in ten annual installments of \$250,000 from the money to be paid to Panama by the United States for the authority to build the canal. Under the present treaty between Panama and the United States these annual payments were to begin in 1912, but the treaty provides that payments shall be arranged so as to begin with last year.

This arrangement will allow the sum of \$500,000, or two annual installments, to be paid at once by the United States to Panama, which will turn it over to the Colombian republic.

The treaties were signed by Secretary Root, C. A. Arce, Panama Minister, and Senator Don Enrique Cortez, Colombian Minister.

## COLEMAN MAY OPPOSE TILTON.

Warm Fight for State's Attorneyship in Norfolk.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 9.—It is persistently reported here that Daniel Coleman, the young lawyer who defended Benjamin Gilbert, the sweetheart murderer, will be a candidate for Commonwealth's attorney of Norfolk City against John G. Tilton, the incumbent. If Mr. Coleman gets in the race one of the warmest fights in Norfolk municipal politics is expected.

Mr. Coleman is a native of Danville and is a descendant of the Cabell family of that city. He has been frequently mentioned for legislative honors. Both Coleman and Tilton are aggressive, frank speakers, and if they clash on the stump the fur will fly.

## GLASSCOCK MAY LEAD FIGHT.

Wants Prohibition Amendment Submitted to the People.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Parkersburg, W. Va., Jan. 9.—Theodore Alford, former State superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, is out with a statement in which he bitterly denounced the members of the Model License Law League of West Virginia for their efforts to secure the passage of a model license law for the State, and their attempt to defeat a bill submitting a prohibition amendment.

The latest gossip on the subject is that Gov.-elect Glasscock may lead the fight in person for the passage of a bill submitting an amendment to the people. If this is true a different aspect may be put on the fight.

## Board Scores the School.

The high standard of the medical profession of the District of Columbia is emphasized in the annual report of the board of medical supervisors to the Commissioners. Of those who entered for examination, 36.4 per cent failed, and in consequence the board scores the medical schools which give a hasty and inadequate training.

## Fat and the Directoire.

The coming season will be a hard one for fat ladies. The directoire mode renders already list scornful eyebrows at such a phebeianism as bulky girls. Fat, in short, whenever it may be deposited, has merited great condemnation and is anathema. In Chicago, it's got to go.

Many minds—many methods. 1. Exercise. 2. Dieting. 3. Worrying. 4. Tight lacing. 5. Laxatives. 6. These are suggested, but not all should be adopted. For instance, 1 and 2 are not easy, while 3 and 4 are not hygienic. Thus we set them on one side and consider Marmala.

What is it? A harmless powder obtainable of any good druggist, which, when mixed with a ounce Fluid Extract Cascara Aromatic and 24 ounces Peppermint Water and taken after meals and at bedtime will, without causing any inner disturbances or outward flesh wrinklings, reduce the excess flesh, proportionately and uniformly, 12 to 15 ounces, a day.

## URGES \$6,000,000

MORE FOR ROADS

Gov. Crothers Proposes Second Bond Issue.

WOULD BE TOTAL OF \$11,000,000

Maryland's Chief Executive Declares that This Year Spent in Improving Highways of State Could Be Done Without Direct Tax Upon the People of the Commonwealth.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 9.—Gov. Crothers this morning, following the consideration of the first report of the automobile tax commission, announced he was in favor of a second bond issue of \$6,000,000 for more improved roads in Maryland and that he was furthermore in favor of expending \$2,000,000 of this issue upon the streets of the city of Baltimore.

The governor has reached this conclusion upon being convinced that the present sum of \$3,000,000 now being applied on improved roads will not cost the State of Maryland one cent of direct taxes, nor that the proposed \$6,000,000 will cost the people an additional cent of direct taxes.

Armed with the figures, the governor explained in detail how he would proceed with the proposition of building \$1,000,000 worth of splendid highways in Maryland without imposing some direct tax upon the people, either to pay the interest on the bonds or to meet the price of the securities when they finally mature.

"I am convinced," said the governor, "that the increased liquor tax in Baltimore City and Baltimore County will net the State \$150,000 a year. Then, again, the inheritance tax, which will be levied into effect on June 1, will, upon the most conservative estimate, result in revenue to the amount of \$125,000 then the automobile tax as proposed will produce the first year no less than \$600,000, all of which, added to \$200,000 which will be able to save on our legislative costs, will give us \$425,000 in one year."

"This total is subject to increase from year to year. Take the automobile tax, for instance. Within five years I expect the automobile owners of the State to pay into the treasury certainly \$400,000, and probably \$600,000. The inheritance tax will also increase, too, giving us more than half a million dollars annually for interest and sinking fund purposes in connection with our road bonds."

## THOMAS HEADS OPTICIANS.

West Virginia Society Will Meet Next Year in Wheeling.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Parkersburg, W. Va., Jan. 9.—With the selection of Wheeling as the place for holding the next annual meeting, the West Virginia State Optical Society closed its meeting here this afternoon. The following officers were chosen:

President: A. C. Thomas, of Sistersville; first vice president, G. C. Burrell, of Weston; second vice president, Olin V. Neal, of Parkersburg; secretary, J. R. Koch, of Hinton; treasurer, C. M. Wallace, of Huntington; executive committee, C. C. Cozad, of Wheeling; George C. Mead, of Parkersburg; J. C. Ernst, of Charleston; board of examiners, A. Smith, of Wheeling; G. C. Burrell, of Weston; Harold Eitz, of Wheeling.

The feature of the meeting was the adoption of a bill to be presented to the legislature, requiring all opticians to take a State examination before being admitted to practice.

## PRINCE IS SUING WINANS.

He Wants Control of \$200,000 He Holds for Two Children.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Baltimore, Jan. 9.—Prince Henri de Galard de Bern and de Chalais, who now holds a secretaryship at a legion in Washington, son-in-law of Ross Winans, millionaire of Baltimore and London, has filed suits to obtain possession of \$200,000 of the remainder of his wife's estate, \$300,000 of which the prince now holds in trust for his two children.

The suits are against Ross Winans and Gen. F. C. Latrobe, who had in trust this money, in the shape of bonds, for Princess de Bern before her death.

The princess was the wife of Ross Winans. The case is interesting and may become more so before it is finished. When the prince married Miss Winans the father of the bride gave his daughter \$300,000 in bonds under a deed of gift signed by himself and his old friend, Gen. Latrobe.

Shortly after the marriage, and before any children were born, the wife made a dead, willing, under the French law, the \$300,000 to the prince. After this two children were born. Thus, a little more than a year ago, the princess died.

The prince would have got the whole \$300,000, but the French law does not allow a parent to disregard children in a will. The prince, after consulting a Parisian lawyer and having conferences with Mr. Winans and Gen. Latrobe, it is said, decided to accept \$100,000 interest and keep it in trust, using the interest himself, and preserving the \$200,000 for the children. He gave papers to that effect, it is said, to Mr. Winans and Gen. Latrobe.

## Frostburg Democrats Celebrate.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Frostburg, Md., Jan. 9.—The Democratic Club of Frostburg gave a large banquet at Hitches' Opera House last night in celebration of Jackson Day. There were present prominent Democrats from the county, and a few Republicans as guests. Covers were laid for 300 persons. State Senator John B. Shannon was toastmaster. The speakers included J. W. S. Cochrane, of Cumberland; former State Senator David J. Lewis, Capt. Thomas F. McCardell, John W. Young, clerk of the Circuit Court; Archibald J. Williams, county superintendent of schools, all of Cumberland; John R. Workman, of Mount Savage, and Lewis J. Ort, of Midland, Del.

## Ellis House Burns at Highland Park.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Fall Church, Va., Jan. 9.—The house occupied by the family of Mr. Ellis, at Highland Park, near here, was destroyed by fire this morning, the family narrowly escaping with their lives. After starting fires in the stove this morning, Mrs. Ellis returned to bed. She was shortly awakened by roaring flames in the front part of the house. The fire had gained such headway that it was impossible to save the building or contents. The loss is \$15,000.

## Manassas Loses Old Inhabitant.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Manassas, Va., Jan. 9.—Mrs. Mollie Brawner, one of the oldest inhabitants of Prince William County, died at her home here this morning. In her eighty-eighth year, Mrs. Brawner, for years the senior member of the commission firm of Adams & Brawner, of Washington, who served several terms as commissioner of the revenue, and filled other important positions.

## NANSEN TELEGRAM UNPAID.

Comptroller of the Treasury Decides Against Settlement of Bill.

R. J. Tracewell, Comptroller of the Treasury, has decided that the War Department is not legally bound to pay a claim of \$755 filed by the Western Union Telegraph Company for transmitting a cablegram from Fort Egbert, Alaska, to Nansen, the arctic explorer, at Christiania, Norway.

This cablegram was filed "collect" at Fort Egbert on December 8, 1906. The signal officer in charge of the cable station declined to forward the cablegram without payment. He requested instructions from the War Department, which, in turn, asked the State Department whether it should be sent "collect."

The Norwegian charge d'affaires in Washington, to whom the case was referred, guaranteed the payment. The addressee refused to pay, and became involved in a controversy with the cable company because of alleged delay, and also because the information contained in the cablegram, he charged, had been allowed to become known and published in the newspapers. When the telegraph company found the addressee would not pay for the cablegram, it filed a claim with the War Department, which turned it over to the State Department for collection in accordance with the guarantee of the Norwegian charge d'affaires in Washington. After a trial of more than a year, the Secretary of State on June 12, 1907, replied that "the department has exhausted such means as it has at its command without securing payment."

## RODERICK IS STILL IN JAIL

Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Demands \$1,000 Security.